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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Cooler air covered the eastern portion of the State on Tuesday the 30th and again on Thursday the 1st. A cold wave spread across the State on the night of the 4th. Unseasonably high temperatures prevailed through the remainder of the week. Ainsworth reported 77 degrees on the 3rd. There was no measurable precipitation; the remaining snow cover melted during the week.

January began and closed with mild temperatures. Most of the month was cold with average temperatures mostly 2 to 5 degrees below seasonal normal. Precipitation, which was mostly in the form of snow, was less than one-half the normal expected amounts in most localities.

CROPS Mild weather spurred farm activity as farmers directed their attention to a multitude of tasks that had been postponed or interrupted by the extended period of low temperatures. Farmers resumed work on repairing equipment, hauling hay and grain, and lining up seed and fertilizer supplies for the coming season. Where field conditions permitted, harvesting was resumed. However, in the extreme southeastern counties where most of the unharvested corn is found, fields were still too wet for widespread use of machinery. Accordingly, only a small acreage of corn was picked. In some south central counties, additional fields of castor beans were combined.

Winter grains showed signs of greening in the southern sections of the State. In the northern Panhandle and in parts of the southwest, some winter wheat and barley fields have been hurt by blowing and exposure to low temperatures. Winter grains in the west could use moisture and a protective snow cover. Wheat in the east appears to have survived the severe winter so far although locally some damage is noted resulting from crusted snow and ice.

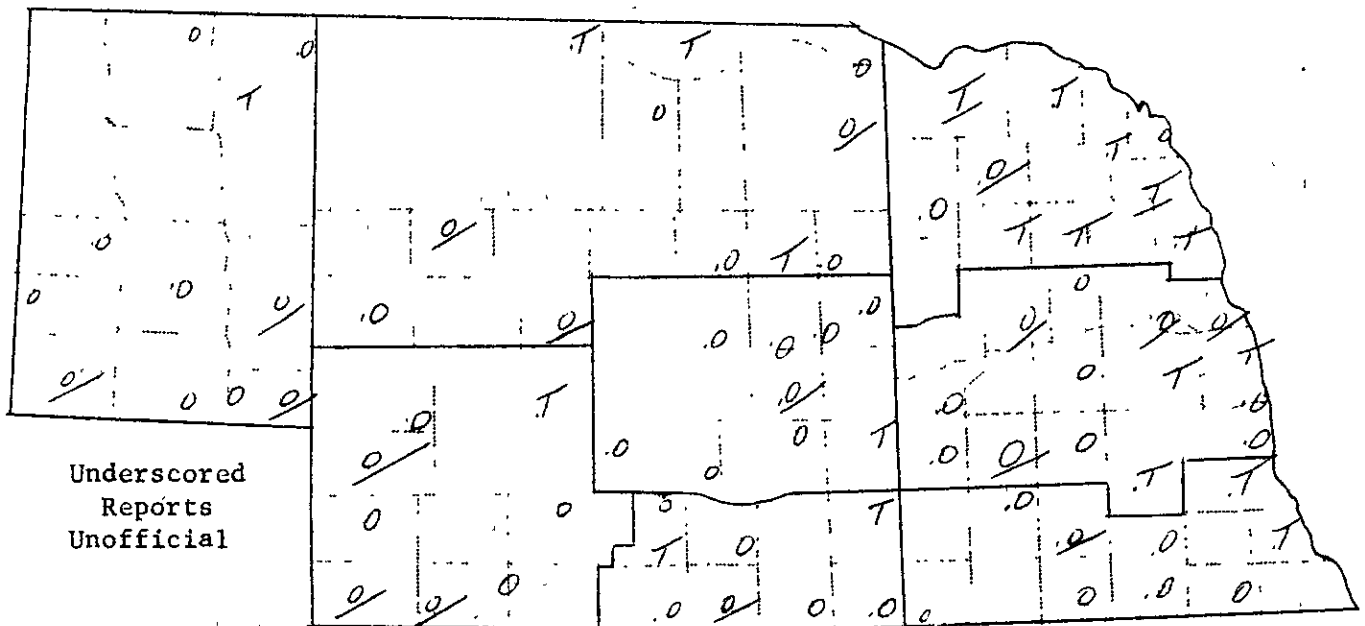
The feed situation eased considerably with snow melting and with milder temperatures favoring the movement of cattle to stalk and stubble fields for foraging. Some fields were still too soggy for grazing.

LIVESTOCK Feedlots are excessively muddy in many places, but condition of livestock is picking up rapidly with milder weather. New crop calves, lambs and pigs were favored by more moderate temperatures, cutting down on losses.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 5, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	T			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		January		January		February		February		February		February		February	
		30th		31st		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	31	56	32	61	32	62	32	64	33	69	30	50	13
	Scottsbluff	57	25	60	30	63	30	60	29	64	29	69	40	53	16
	Sidney	56	33	59	31	63	30	61	32	64	31	70	39	56	16
NC	Burwell	55	25	30	23	66	29	52	32	64	29	73	35	57	--
	Valentine	59	23	29	18	65	27	57	31	65	33	73	39	52	11
NE	Norfolk	52	30	36	11	57	28	33	31	62	30	68	40	57	12
	Sioux City	--	--	38	10	49	22	27	27	54	30	54	34	54	13
CEN	Grand Island	56	29	37	20	62	31	44	35	66	33	71	41	62	14
EC	Lincoln	51	33	41	16	50	31	35	31	58	38	67	44	60	15
	Omaha	44	29	37	11	42	26	27	27	51	34	57	39	57	13
SW	Imperial	62	35	63	32	68	35	63	34	70	32	74	33	58	17
	North Platte	63	22	60	21	69	29	61	26	69	26	72	28	60	16

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